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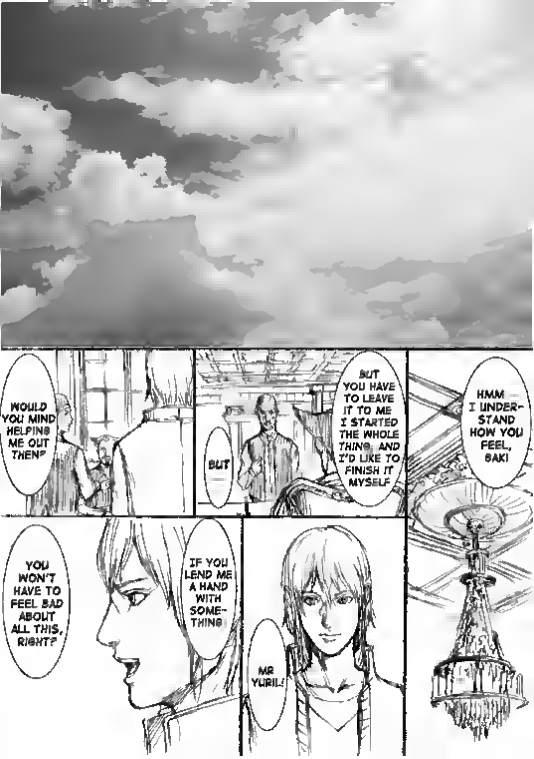
WOULD YOU MIND HELPING ME OUT THEN?
BUT
BUT YOU HAVE TO LEAVE IT TO ME I STARTED THE WHOLE THING, AND I'D LIKE TO FINISH IT MYSELF
HMM... I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, SAKI
YOU WON'T HAVE TO FEEL BAD ABOUT ALL THIS, RIGHT?
IF YOU LEND ME A HAND WITH SOMETHING
MR YURI!

HMM... IF IT'S BAKI, YEAH...
IS IT OKAY, MR. LIDMAN?
MR BAKI IS EXPERIENCED WITH SHIPS TOO
OH THIS IS
BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU GET THAT SCAR?
IF IT'S ME WHAT?
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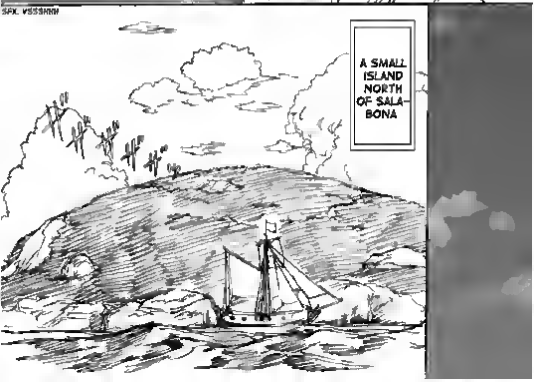
SFX: VSSSHHH


A SMALL ISLAND NORTH OF SALABONA

IT'S A VERY SMALL ISLAND, ISN'T IT?
YES
SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO HERE?
WE'RE HERE TO CHECK IF EVERY-THING'S OKAY
EH?
SFX: RUSTLE
I SEE
THIS ISLAND BELONGS TO MR LUDMAN, BUT SINCE THERE'S NO CARETAKER, IT'S REALLY A DESERT ISLAND
WHICH IS WHY I COME HERE SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR TO SEE IF EVERY-THING'S OKAY
HUFF HUFF

SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE
...WHAT AN EERIE ISLAND...
SO HOT
I DON'T SEE ANY ANIMALS, NOT TO MENTION MONSTERS
YET I CAN'T SHAKE OFF THE FEELING THAT I'M BEING WATCHED
AFTER GOING AROUND THE ISLAND ONCE, I FOUND A WEIRD BUILDING
OH?
WHAT'S THAT?
THEY ARE RUINS THAT HAVE BEEN ON THIS ISLAND SINCE ANCIENT TIMES
HUH
IS THAT RIGHT

EH
I'M GOING TO CLEAN THE PLACE NOW SO PLEASE GO AHEAD AND RETURN TO THE SHIP
...
IT'S MY JOB. I HAVE TO DO IT ALONE
CLEAN? ALL BY YOURSELF? I COULD HELP YOU. YOU KNOW?
NO
MAYBE THERE'S SOME SORT OF RULE I DON'T KNOW YET
WHAT'S WITH THE SERIOUS LOOK?
...
UH OKAY

!!?
SFX: THUD
WHA- WHAT WAS THAT?

SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
DID I JUST IMAGINE IT...?
THERE WAS SOMEONE BEHIND ME...
JUST NOW I COULD HAVE SWORN...
...
HO-HOLY SHIT!!?
HM!?

...
I'M READING A BOOK
IT WAS WRITTEN BY ONE OF MY ANCES-TORS
HEY
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
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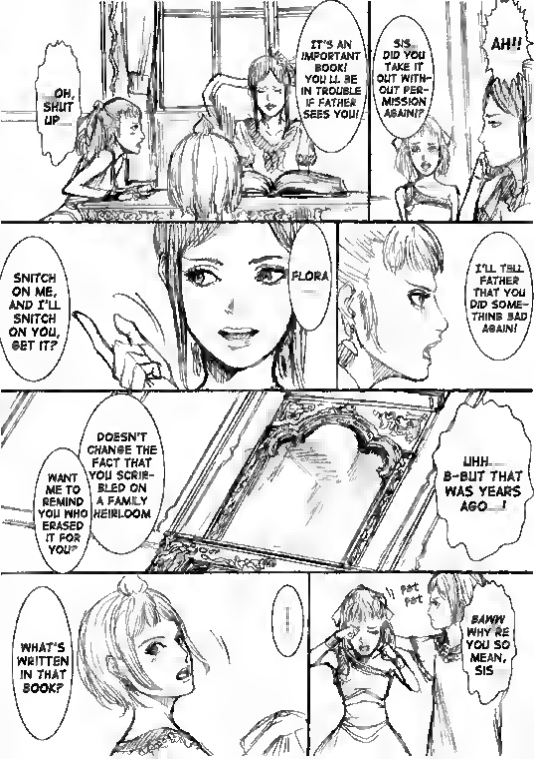
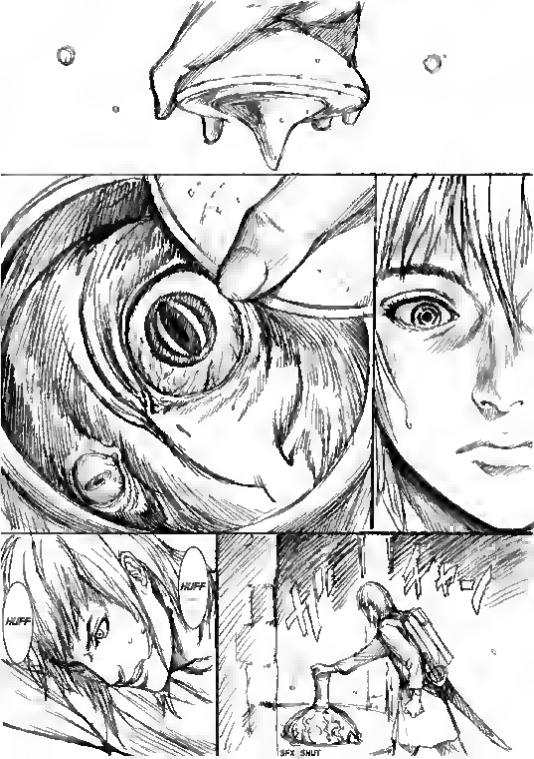

OH, SHUT UP
IT'S AN IMPORTANT BOOK! YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF FATHER SEES YOU!
SIS, DID YOU TAKE IT OUT WITHOUT PERMISSION AGAIN!?
AH!!
SNITCH ON ME, AND I'LL SNITCH ON YOU, GET IT?
FLORA
I'LL TELL FATHER THAT YOU DID SOMETHING BAD AGAIN!
WANT ME TO REMIND YOU WHO ERASED IT FOR YOU?
DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU SCRIBBLED ON A FAMILY HEIRLOOM
UHH... B-BUT THAT WAS YEARS AGO...!
WHAT'S WRITTEN IN THAT BOOK?
...
pat pat
BAHH WHY RE YOU SO MEAN, SIS

WHEN HE WAS ALIVE,
BJORN, A DEMON SO LARGE IT TOUCHED THE SKY, ROAMED THE LAND
IT'S ABOUT RUDOLPH, MY -GREAT--GREAT--GREAT--GREAT--GREAT--GREAT--GRAND- FATHER
ERR
SO RUDOLPH USED A SO-CALLED "FINAL KEY SPELL" TO SEAL BJORN AWAY IN A SACRED JAR
RUDOLPH, WHO WAS A FAMOUS GREAT SAGE, SET OUT TOGETHER WITH HIS FRIENDS TO DEFEAT BJORN
BUT HE WASN'T ABLE TO KILL IT

SFX: BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
THE SEAL, HOWEVER, IS BY NO MEANS PERFECT, AND WILL BREAK ONE DAY...
OHH—
YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF IT, DID YOU?
"WHOEVER IS READING THIS BOOK, MAKE SURE TO DEFEAT BUDRIN WHEN IT HAPPENS". AND OTHER IRRESPONSIBLE THINGS ARE WRITTEN HERE.
SFX: SHUT
THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING FUN ANYMORE ONCE WE ENTER A CONVENT.
WHAT I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT RIGHT NOW IS—
NO IDEA. HOW SHOULD I KNOW THAT—
H-WAIT, AREN'T WE IN DANGER THEN? WHEN WILL THE SEAL BREAK?

SIGH... I WON'T BE ABLE TO PLAY SLIME TOUCH ANYMORE IT'S GOING TO SUCK SO HARD...
THANK YOU, BAK!
NO IT WAS NOTHING
YOU MUST BE TIRED! GO GET A GOOD REST!!
OHH... THAT WAS FAST...
WE'RE BACK
SO... WHAT COLOR WAS IT?
RIGHT...


HUFF
HUFF
SFX SNUT

IT WAS ...
BLUE
.....
THANK GOD...
I'M... NUMB WITH FEAR EVERY TIME...
YES, ME TOO...
BAKI YOU'RE BACK!!

?
THIS IS FOR YOU!
WHAT?
SLAM!
SFX. MUNCH
INSIDE?
OPEN IT! THERE'S SOME-THING INSIDE!
IDIOT, DON'T EAT IT!
A RIB-BON?
SLAM, TURN AROUND
LET ME PUT IT ON FOR YOU!
IT SHOULD GO WELL WITH YOUR HAIR COLOR
OH MY IT'S A RIBBON!! A GREAT COLOR TOO!

BRING A GIFT FOR THE FAITHFUL LADY THAT IS WAITING FOR HIS RETURN"
"IT'S A GENTLEMAN'S DUTY TO..."
IT SEEMS MISS FLORA TOLD HIM THAT...
HE BOUGHT IT IN A VILLAGE DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS WHEN WE STAYED THERE FOR A NIGHT
SFX: SST
NO DEAR, WORK IS CALLING
COME WITH ME YURI..
HUH
HMM? ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ME?
OH DEAR, IT
I JUST HOPE SHE DOESN'T BECOME A HIGH MAINTENANCE WOMAN LIKE HER
...SHE'S STARTING TO TAKE AFTER HER MOTHER IN WEIRD WAYS...
!
?
AH, DÉBORA!
THERE YOU GO!!

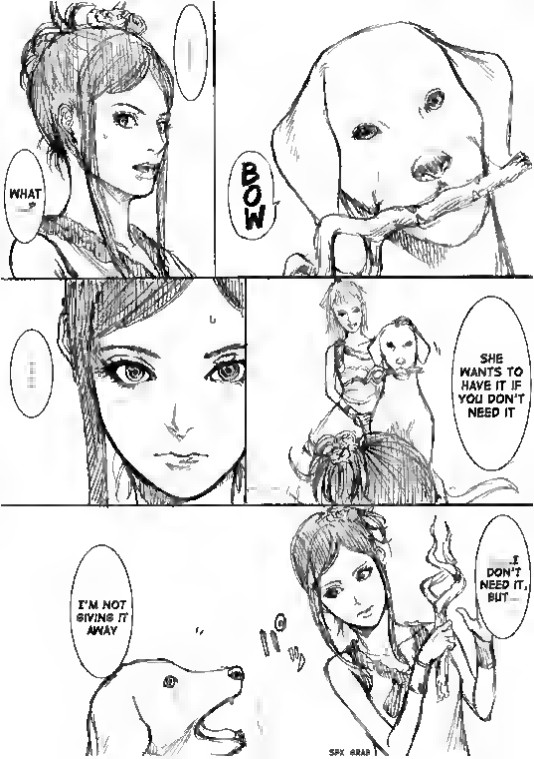
SORRY ABOUT THE OTHER DAY... WILL YOU FORGIVE ME...?
...!
IT'S PROBABLY NOT ENOUGH TO CALL IT A TOKEN OF APOLOGY... BUT...
I GOT SOME-THING FOR YOU TOO DEBORA!
SFX: RUMMAGE
YOU REALLY THINK THAT IS ENOUGH TO GET ME TO FORGIVE YOU?
COME ON... DON'T BE LIKE THAT...
CAN'T WE GET ALONG?
...WELL...
I GUESS IF YOU GOT ME A GIFT I MIGHT AS WELL ACCEPT IT...
REALLY!?

WHAT'S THAT?
FIRE-WOOD !!
FIRE WOOD !!?
SFX DON
OKAY!! TAKE THIS!!
SFX TOSS
NO NO
DON'T NEED IT
LET'S SET FIRE TO IT AND HAVE A BONFIRE PARTY LATER
BUT THAT ONE IS OFF THE CHARTS!! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SHAPE!! HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S NATURAL!
MAN, I'VE SEEN SO MANY AWESOME SHAPES OF FIREWOOD ON THAT ISLAND!!
STILL CLUELESS ABOUT HOW GIRLS TICK, SEVERAL MORE DAYS PASSED
AND WELL, THIS AND THAT HAPPENED
SHE...
SHE DOESN'T NEED IT...?

NO, I M THE ONE WHO WANTS TO THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING
I LL NEVER FORGET THE TIME I SPENT HERE
THANKS FOR THE FUN TIME BAK!!
I THINK MY DAUGH-TERS HAD A GREAT TIME TOO
FLORA
SLAM ...
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT IT'S THE ROYAL CREST OF GRAN-VANIA
BUT THE SYMBOL ON THE SWORD YOU'RE CARRYING, MR. PAPAS' SWORD, I MEAN...
I'M SORRY FOR THAT
EVEN THOUGH I SENT SO MANY MEN THEY WERE UNABLE TO FIND OUT ANYTHING ABOUT MR. PAPAS
THANK YOU!
GOOD LUCK ON YOUR JOUR-NEY!!
I THINK IT'S CERTAIN THAT HE'S SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO THE ROYAL FAMILY OF GRANVANIA

I REALLY APPRECIATE IT THOUGH!
OH NO, I COULDN'T ASK SUCH A THING OF YOU
I'M SURE YOU KNOW BUT YOU WON'T FIND ANY SHIPS TO GET YOU THERE... BUT I COULD LEND YOU A SHIP
BY THE WAY, HOW ARE YOU PLANNING ON GETTING TO GRAN-VANIA?
AFTER ALL IT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING SO FAR...
IT'S NOT A VERY RELIABLE METHOD BUT I THINK I'LL KEEP LOOKING FOR HIM IN MY OWN WAY
I WILL.
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD THOUGH SHOULD YOU FIND YOURSELF STUCK SOMEWHERE ON YOUR JOURNEY, FEEL FREE TO TURN TO ME
TAKE CARE, MR BAK!
YES! YOU TOO, MR YURI.
I SEE!

WELL THEN, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP
NO PROB-LEM!!
COME LISTEN TO MY BRAGGING ANYTIME YOU WANT!!
...YES .....
FLORA! DEBORA!
BYE BYE!!
...?
TAKE CARE, SLAM!!


WHAT
BOW
SHE WANTS TO HAVE IT IF YOU DON'T NEED IT
I DON'T NEED IT, BUT—
I'M NOT GIVING IT AWAY
SPX GRAB

Appendix:

Characters in chapter 21:

Baki

Slam

Yuri (DQIV Novel Hero)

Ludman (Briscaletti)

Flara (Nera)

(Debara)

Papas (Pankraz)

Lilian

Buarn (Bjøm)

Lacatians in chapter 21:

- Salabana (Mastraferrata)
- Granvania (Gatha)